



FIREARM SAFETY IN VEHICLES

Whether you're heading to the range, embarking on a hunting trip or legally carrying a firearm for personal protection, there will be times when you must leave your firearm in your vehicle. In these moments, secure vehicle storage becomes critical. A firearm left unattended and unsecured in a vehicle is vulnerable to theft. In fact, firearm thefts from vehicles are on the rise nationwide, and failing to properly secure your firearm can result in serious legal penalties in some states.

It's important to remember: locking your vehicle is not enough. Cars and trucks are not safes, and common storage spots like glove compartments or center consoles, even if lockable, can be easily broken into. Responsible gun ownership means ensuring your firearm is either under your direct control or securely locked away and out of sight when not in use.

Using a dedicated, lockable storage device that keeps the firearm stable ensures it remains secure, controlled and compliant with safe transport laws in many jurisdictions.

TYPES OF VEHICLE STORAGE SOLUTIONS



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PORTABLE LOCK BOXES AND SAFES

Compact, portable safes are made from steel or heavy-duty plastic, often lined with padding to protect firearms and feature combination, biometric (fingerprint) or key locks.



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CONSOLE VAULTS

Console vaults are designed to custom fit inside a vehicle's center console, providing a hidden and secure storage solution. They are often made of heavy-gauge steel and can be locked with a key, combination or biometric mechanism.



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HEADREST SAFE

A secure, lockable storage device that is designed to look and function like a standard vehicle headrest, but with a hidden lockable compartment, providing a discreet and easily accessible place to securely store firearms.



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UNDER-SEAT AND TRUNK SAFES

Larger safes that can be mounted under a seat or in the trunk are typically made from hardened steel and can be bolted down for additional security, making them more resistant to theft. Access is usually via key, combination or biometric lock.



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UNIVERSAL VEHICLE SAFES

Universal safes are designed to fit a wide range of vehicles and can be secured with cables or bolted to the vehicle, offering flexibility for users who may switch vehicles or need a portable solution.



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STORAGE DRAWERS

Mountable and lockable drawers can be installed underneath a glove compartment and locked with a key, biometric lock or combination.

VEHICLE FIREARM STORAGE SAFETY CHECKLIST

START HERE

01. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- ☐ Have I reviewed and complied with all local and state laws regarding firearm storage in vehicles?
- ☐ Am I aware of any specific restrictions for transporting firearms across state lines?

02. SECURE STORAGE DEVICE

- ☐ Is my firearm stored in a lockable, tamper-resistant container designed for firearms?
- ☐ Is the storage device securely mounted or tethered to the vehicle to prevent easy removal?
- ☐ Does the container fully conceal the firearm from view?

03. MUZZLE DIRECTION

- ☐ Is the firearm stored with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction?

04. FIREARM CONDITION

- ☐ Is the firearm unloaded before being stored?
- ☐ Have I removed the magazine and cleared the chamber?

05. ACCESSIBILITY

- ☐ Is the firearm inaccessible to unauthorized users, including children?

06. WHILE DRIVING

- ☐ Is the firearm secured in a way that prevents it from shifting or falling during sudden stops or accidents?

07. WHEN LEAVING THE VEHICLE

- ☐ Have I double-checked that the firearm is locked and out of sight?
- ☐ Have I avoided storing the firearm in easily accessible areas like the glove box or center console, unless secured in a console vault?

08. REGULAR MAINTENANCE

- ☐ Do I routinely inspect the storage device for signs of wear, damage or tampering?
- ☐ Do I regularly clean and maintain the firearm?